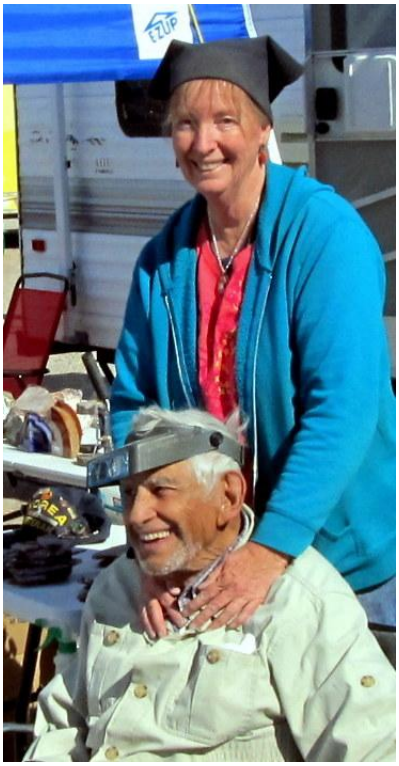
Introduction to Longing for Gray Rock

Here I will pause Bob Vallejo's life story, (The Last Arrowmaker), to interject my own (Longing for Gray Rock). His last two chapters are also my own. As Bob's last wife and chronicler, I want to explain where I came from and the events that led me to meet this troubled old warrior. I could have written a separate volume, but they would have been easily separated and lost. Bob and I share a warrior past. Together we flourished, and together our stories should remain. My writing style does not elaborate or embellish. I get my point across then move on.

I 'came of age' in the 1970's when Roe vs Wade was declared a right of all women. Yet, as I write this, I approach my 70th birthday, when the 'Supreme Court' rescinded that right.



The ever-present attitude of men continues to see women as the weaker sex. My story, however, strives to confirm – what we may lack in physical strength, is countered by our cunning and courage.

My story is mild and anti-climactic, but we all have equally important stories to tell. They do not need to be horrific or awe inspiring.

So, join me as I reflect on a life well lived. Humble yet fierce in seeking solace from simple pleasures. We could all use a safe place - a gray rock.